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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TEMPORARILY IMMOBILIZING A  
LOCAL AREA OF TISSUE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 26231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 and add the following new claims:

~~Sub 2~~  
26. (New) A method of performing open or closed chest cardiac  
surgery comprising:  
    accessing a surface of the heart;  
    positioning a first member having a first suction port along a first planar  
surface on the surface of the heart;  
    coupling a suction source to the suction port of the first member;